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SUBJECT: VISIT TO HONDURAS OF CLAT SECRETARY GENERAL EDUARDO GARCIA

1. ON MARCH 21 THE SAN PEDRO SULA DAILY TIEMPO PUBLISHED AN INTERVIEW WITH CLAT (CENTRAL LATINOAMERICANA DE TRABAJADORES) SECRETARY GENERAL EDUARDO GARCIA. GARCIA PRESENTED THE THESIS THAT CAPITALISM DOES NOT PROVIDE THE ANSWER TO THE PROBLEMS OF LATIN AMERICA. HE CALLED FOR "INTEGRAL" ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND THE PROMOTION OF THE WORKING CLASSES. COMMENTING ON MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS AND FOREIGN FINANCIAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL INVESTMENT, HE SAID "EXPERIENCE HAS SHOWN US THAT THE SO-CALLED INVESTMENT OF CAPITAL AND THE SO-CALLED APPLICATION OF FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY RATHER THAN HELPING OUR COUNTRIES HAVE SERVED TO INCREASE MISERY, FOR EACH DOLLAR THEY INVEST, THEY TAKE OUT THREE." HE URGED THAT THE STATE SHOULD CONTROL THE IMPORTATION OF

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FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY. GARCIA ADDED THAT "THE CLAT, FOR MANY

YEARS, HAS FAVORED LATIN AMERICAN AND CENTRAL AMERICAN
INTEGRATION" AND THAT INTEGRATION SHOULD BE SOCIAL,
CULTURAL AND POLITICAL, " PUTTING THE PROCESS OF ECONOMIC
INTEGRATION TO WORK FOR THE SOCIAL, CULTURAL AND POLITICAL
DEVELOPMENT OF OUR COUNTRIES.

2. ON MARCH 14 LABOFF WAS INFORMED BY A SOURCE WITHIN THE
CLAT-AFFILIATED CGT (HONDURAN LABOR CONFEDERATION / THAT
GARCIA WAS WILLING TO
INTERVENE IN A DISPUTE BETWEEN THE
CGT AND ITS CAMPESINO AFFILIATE, UNC. GARCIA WAS SAID TO
BE CARRYING A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF MONEY TO BE APPARENTLY
GIVEN TO THE UNC AND CGT. THE CLAT APPARENTLY EXERCISES A
CONSIDERABLE
DEGREE OF CONTROL OVER CGT ACTIVITIES.
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